The Clause, They Never Taught You: How the 13th Amendment Legalized Slavery for Profit.

People say the U.S. abolished slavery in 1865. However, that is a lie by omission. The 13th Amendment reads: 'Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, EXCEPT as a punishment for crime, shall exist within the United States…' (U.S. Constitution, 13th Amendment).

That clause legalized mass incarceration. It created a loophole where slavery could continue if the person were labeled a criminal. That is why the prison system exploded. That is why Black men were arrested for loitering, walking, or just existing. (Alexander, 2010)

Corporations took over. They profit from prison labor. UNICOR. McDonald’s. Victoria’s Secret. And Whole Foods. Even Tesla has used suppliers tied to forced labor. (Wagner, 2017; U.S. Department of (Labor, 2022)

And after 9/11? Both Democrats and Republicans lined up to pass the Patriot Act. Muslim Americans were targeted and spied on. Detained. Abused. (ACLU, 2002)

Biden voted for it. Most Democrats did. They claimed it was about safety, but it was about control. (Congressional Record, 2001)

The surveillance state was born, and Obama expanded it with the NSA. Edward Snowden exposed it. Glenn Greenwald documented it. However, the system continued. It adapted. (Greenwald, 2014)

You want to talk about corporate power? Let us talk about Elon Musk. Mark Zuckerberg. BlackRock. These are not innovators. They are unelected monarchs. Their companies shape foreign policy, social behavior, elections, and the conduct of war. (Zuboff, 2019; Confessore, 2018)

They promote progress, but what they deliver is surveillance, labor extraction, and distraction. America did not evolve; it merely rebranded itself.

Moreover, both parties—the blue and red ties—kept the system alive. They gave you wars with marketing. Vietnam. Iraq. Afghanistan. Libya. Syria. All branded as 'freedom operations.' All backed by lies. (Chomsky, 1999; Kinzer, 2013)

So, yes, when I say this system is corrupt, it is not a conspiracy. It is a citation. If you do not believe me, read the fine print.

Please do not call me crazy for quoting the Constitution. Do not dismiss truth because it is uncomfortable. I do not need CNN to validate me. I need history. I need receipts.

Moreover, I have got them

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